



MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 8, 1909.

The police authorities have captured at Little Rock, Ark., a gang of swindlers who are believed to have won nearly \$1,000,000 on fake sporting events. The headquarters of the gang were at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and no less than 300 agents were employed in the various parts of the country. The leader of the group had in his possession a list of the persons victimized. The method of operation was to open offices on a fine scale in a given city as stock dealers and, after getting in touch with men of means offer through the assistance of their secretary to place money on alleged races or other events on which inside information gave them a "sure thing." Year ago Mr. Barum said the American people loved to be humbugged.

TAKING of testimony in the trial of Colonel Cooper, his son, Robin Cooper, and John D. Sharp, for the killing of former Senator Carmack, was finished in Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday. Court then adjourned until today, when the arguments of counsel were begun. From a cursory reading of the testimony the killing to a layman appears to have been a deliberate and planned murder. The offense was light in comparison with the penalty and the whole affair could have been easily settled without the resort to firearms or force. The taking of Senator Carmack was a calamity and the full penalty of the law should be required of those who killed him.

CAPT. HOBSON, now a member of Congress from Alabama, saw the handwriting on the wall and knowing that he will be defeated at the next election, is making up to himself friends of the mammoth of unrighteousness. Capt. Hobson is a sensationalist and has wearied his Alabama constituents to the extent that they will drop him at the next election. Hoping to curry favor with the republicans in the last Congress he voted against the democrats on both the Brownsville and the ship subsidy bills with the idea that when he ceases to be a member of the House he will be otherwise provided for.

A CRUSADE against merchants who sell tobacco to children under 16 years was begun in Altoona, Pa., Saturday, when several arrests were made. Parents have complained of the rapid spread of cigarette smoking among children in that city within the past few months, and determined to have the law enforced. Much the same law is on the statute books of Virginia, but no one seems to pay any respect thereto and boys of any age buy and smoke cigarettes at their will.

Mrs. DICKINSON, of Tennessee, the new secretary of war, declares that he is still a democrat, though he did not vote for Bryan. A republican cabinet presided over by a republican president is no place for a democrat, nor would he be there unless his associates know what to expect of him. White black birds are rare birds indeed.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Mar. 8.

A strenuous campaign is in progress among republican members of the House preparatory to the line up Monday when a speaker will be elected and rules adopted. Speaker Cannon and his friends are using their utmost efforts to preserve him as speaker and to perpetuate the Reed rules, with the concession made to the insurgents near the close of the last session. When the powers that rule the House conceded the "calendar Wednesday" rule, which will give every member a chance to get a vote on his bills that are favorably reported by committee, they won over at least twenty-five members, but a large contingent of the insurgents have been dubbed the "cold feet" brigade of the reformers. Their position, however, is that in securing an opportunity of bringing their bills before the House they have won the most important privilege denied them by the Reed rules. Leaders among them are uncertain as to where the enormous power of the speaker, if taken from him, could be safely placed. It is argued, for instance, that if the control of the House should be given to a committee of, say, fifteen members, a majority of committee, or eight men, would actually control. Then if five men of the eight should control that majority of the committee the House would be in the hands of a few strong men as at present. The straight-out insurgents, however, who have had the courage to defy the vast power of the speaker feel confident that better times are coming in the House. The test vote made on the calendar Wednesday rule shows the democrats to be solid for reform and that the insurgents, acting with the democrats, can control the situation. It would be much more satisfactory to the insurgents to have reform worked out within the ranks of their own party than to enter into combination with the democrats. They are now busily engaged in mustering as much strength as possible in order to get the best terms available when the House organizes next Monday. The concession won by the insurgents in the latter part of the session just closed was the result of the first effective attack ever made on the Reed rules. The victory has imbued the insurgents with

confidence that they can win additional rights for the common members of the House and that the days of czarism are nearing an end. There seems to be no doubt of the re-election of Speaker Cannon but the fight against the rules will go on until the insurgents feel that they have obtained the full measure of their rights.

The new attorney general, George W. Wickersham, was today formally presented to the U. S. Supreme Court by Solicitor General Hoyt. Although Mr. Wickersham has appeared before the court before as a private practitioner, the judicial red tape required that he be "introduced" again, and his commission shown to the court. Red tape having been complied with, Mr. Wickersham left for the Department of Justice.

The order of former Secretary of the Navy Newberry closing the navy yards at New Orleans and Pensacola was revoked today by Secretary of the Navy Meyer. The first official action was taken upon the representations of the senatorial delegations, who called upon Secretary Meyer last week. Certain points were brought up by these, according to Secretary Meyer, which needed reconsideration. He has telegraphed the commanders for detailed information concerning the work in progress and contemplated at the yards, and will announce his final action later.

President Taft is planning to make a swing around the circle in the west next summer and is very likely to extend his western trip to Alaska, if he finds his time permits. He has given the project of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition a tentative promise to attend their show and has told a number of friends that he intended visiting Alaska as soon as possible. No plans have yet been made, however. It is likely that his western journey will include practically all of the states that he did not visit last fall during the campaign. One of the principal reasons for Mr. Taft's western trip is to attend the coming session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress which is to meet at Denver some time in August.

"Judge Mann cannot name a single congressional district that he is certain to carry," said Mr. Harry St. George Tucker, while in this city on Saturday. "I am thoroughly satisfied with the outlook. I could put it much more strongly."

The rear guard of civic and military organizations that participated in President Taft's inauguration departed today and the city is assuming its normal appearance and condition. The decorations and stands are fast being taken down and in a few days not a vestige of the inauguration splendor will remain.

Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau called at the White House today to "square" himself for the elemental mischief that was perpetrated on Thursday. He was plainly scared and did not deny it. "I have waited for a few days in order to rehearse my explanation," said Moore. Briefly it is that never in history has such weather been made by the condition we had the day or two before inauguration.

The comptroller of the currency today appointed Miller Weir of Jacksonville, Ill., as the third of the four bank examiners at large which he has recently decided upon.

Secretary of State Knox will hold a formal reception to the heads of the diplomatic missions on Wednesday. The affair will mark the revival of the traditional observance upon the inception of a new administration. It was not followed by Secretary Root or Secretary Hay. Later in the week, the heads of the missions will be received by President Taft at the White House.

The new secretary of the treasury, Franklin MacVane, of Chicago, will take the oath of office this afternoon. He arrived in the city last night. Shortly after breakfast he was visited at his hotel by the retiring secretary, George B. Cortelyou. Mr. Cortelyou is not yet prepared to confirm the report that he is to be president of the Consolidated Gas Company, of New York. Mr. MacVane accompanied by Postmaster General Hitchcock called on the president at 10:30 today.

The subway between the Senate office building and the Capitol was opened today and automobiles were running through the subway at a rapid rate of speed.

For the first time in many years, the enlisted strength of the cavalry, infantry and artillery arms of the army, is up to the limit authorized by Congress and orders have been issued to recruiting officers in various parts of the country to discontinue enlistments temporarily with the exception of soldiers who desire to re-enter the recruit depots to which the recruits are sent for preliminary training, are over-crowded. It is expected, however, that recruiting will be resumed in a few months to fill vacancies brought about by discharges.

**Socialists Make Gains.**  
Rome, March 8.—Socialists have materially increased their representation in the Italian Parliament, according to the returns slowly coming in today from yesterday's elections. Only 357 results are known, 151 are still unknown, while in 41 districts a second ballot will be necessary. The socialists have elected twenty-three members, including 16 former members and 7 new ones. All of the ministers were re-elected and in addition the known results show 211 ministerial socialists, 34 opposition, 3 clericals, 23 radicals, and 17 republicans. As a whole, however, the character of the parliament is little changed.

### FREE POSTAGE.

One of the last official acts of George von L. Meyer, as Postmaster-General, was the issuance of an order directing that all mail matter sent by Frances F. Cleveland, widow of President Grover Cleveland, and by Mary Lord Harrison, widow of President Benjamin Harrison, under their real names should be conveyed free of postage during their natural lives. The order carries into effect an act of Congress passed February 1 last.

Annoyed by the persistence of eight-year-old Mrs. Claudia Hains, wife of Captain Peter C. Hains, who is awaiting trial in New York for the murder of William E. Austin, is to quit her home, in Winthrop.

The Japanese government will erect a great steel plant at Tokio. The plant will be equipped to manufacture guns of all sizes and will make armor plate of every character.

In New York today John Hincin and Alfonso Jachette were sentenced to serve fifteen and fifteen years respectively for holding up and robbing Miss Gile of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit ticket agent on Fifth Avenue and Atlantic street, Brooklyn. The defendant tried to abduct Miss West to prevent her appearance against him.

### News of the Day.

Daniel Schilland, a Boston policeman shot and killed his wife early this morning, and so wounded himself that he died shortly afterward.

Messages received from Rome this evening say that the condition of the pope shows continued improvement. The pontiff is still confined to his apartment in the Vatican.

The Russian minister of finance announced that Russia's gold reserve exceeds \$600,000,000, and the gold surplus ensuring the right to issue currency amounts to \$240,000,000.

A special from Rockwell, Tex., says the negro, Anderson Ellis, charged with assault, was burned in the public square, yesterday. A negro, name as yet unknown, was lynched early in the evening for harboring Ellis.

Daniel Bowden, 44 years of age, a respectable farmer near Chinolesco, committed suicide at his home Saturday night by blowing out his brains during his wife's absence from the room. Bowden had been paralyzed for six months, and had become very despondent.

Elmer Kann, aged 47 years of Green-castle, Md., was found dead Saturday near Mount Holly with a long gas on the left side of his face. He left home with about \$300. When his body was found his pockets were empty. Kann is survived by his wife and seven children.

The military have been called out to aid in the capture of Hirschel Hogg, a confessed leader of the gang of night riders that killed Captain Rankin, at Walnut Log, Tenn., last October and who escaped from jail at Dresden, Saturday night. Hogg is believed to be hiding somewhere in the Reelfoot Lake region.

A number of members of the social revolutionary party were today sentenced in Paris to prison terms from two days to two months, as a result of the street demonstrations yesterday during the unveiling of the Fliguet monument. No demonstrations were directed at Premier Clemenceau who was the chief orator at the ceremony.

Mrs. Jane Graham, 34 years old, of Barton, Md., committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting herself in the forehead with her husband's revolver. She had been suffering from dementia, but after four months' treatment at Oatonsville, returned home apparently cured. Her husband, James Graham, is a prominent merchant of Barton. She is survived by three children, the eldest being a girl of 10.

Mrs. Henry C. Jacobs, of Norwich, N. Y., shot her husband in the head yesterday, inflicting serious injury, and then shot and fatally wounded herself. She survived her injuries only a few hours, but her husband will probably live, though he will be blind for life, as the bullet lodged just behind his eyes. Jealousy was the cause of the tragedy. Mrs. Jacobs left a letter to the public, in which she accused another woman of alienating her husband's affections and wrecking her home. Jacobs is a cigar-maker and was a leader in labor union circles.

Waking at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, in Drayton, 60 miles west of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Mamie McKee, a widow, found William G. Wilner, a rejected suitor, standing at her bedside, and when she declared again in answer to his question, that she did not love the man he fired four bullets into her head. Wilner then killed himself by taking poison and then shooting himself. Mrs. McKee is living, with no possible chance of recovery. Wilner was 26 years old. His victim is 30. Since the death of her husband, William McKee, five years ago, Mrs. McKee has conducted a boarding house and Wilner was one of her boarders. During the last year Wilner was insistent in pressing his attentions upon Mrs. McKee, but she had rejected all his advances.

### Virginia News.

A large black bear has been seen several times recently in the fields and forests surrounding Strasburg.

The Rev. William H. K. Pendleton, rector of St. John's church, Wytheville, has been called to Spartanburg, S. C.

Another heavy snowstorm prevailed over northern Virginia Saturday the fall amounting to several inches. More damage to the fruit crop is feared.

Orchards in the Strasburg section are said to be entirely free of the San Jose scale pest. Its extermination is said to be due to the drought of last fall and smoke from the forest fire.

Stephen B. Hughes, 82 years old, of the Drewry Hughes Company, and former president of the Richmond Howitzers' Association, died Saturday at his home in that city.

### UNLAWFUL MERGER.

City Attorney Pollard, of Richmond, in a document filed with the city, gives it as his opinion that the alleged combination of five railroads to control the Old Dominion Steamship Co. is illegal and void. The opinion is directed to the council committee on the improvement of James river, and was delivered Saturday. The gist of the entire matter is given in the section that follows:

"I am clearly of opinion that if certain railway companies acquired the rights, franchises and properties of the Old Dominion Steamship Company, that their act in so doing, if done since the approval of the Act of Congress, of July 2, 1890, entitled 'An Act to Protect Trade and Commerce Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies,' was illegal and void, and can be so declared in proceedings taken by the United States or by any individual who may show himself damaged by reason of said combination."

### LETTER TO WM. CHANCEY'S SONS.

Alexandria, Va.  
Dear Sirs: Lead-and-kill is not good paint; don't use the rule is, as everyone knows, rest in three years.

Devise last six, in the same way—allow wide margin in all such statements. What does it mean, to last? It means the same with both.

As to covering; that's another. Here's an instance.

Mr. J. H. Hall, Sheffield, Pa. painted two houses, lead-and-kill; took 40 gallons.

Last summer bought 40 gallons Devise for the same two houses; returned 10 gallons.

The paint, that covers, lasts; it's all paint; true paint; but not good paint; the lead was zinc. Better paint Devise.

Yours truly,  
P. S.—E. S. Leadbetter & Sons sell our paint.  
The Market.  
George, D. C., March 8.—What 115-125.

### Today's Telegraphic News

#### Argument Begun.

Nashville, Tenn., March 8.—With a dramatic setting, the court, defendants and spectators alike, showing the result of the strain of the six weeks of the trial, argument was at last begun today in the case of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, his son, Robie, and former Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with the murder of former Senator Edward W. Carmack.

A court room twice as large could not have held half the spectators who flocked in today, to hear the oratorical climax of the trial. Long before court opened, hundreds had been turned away and about the court house hundreds of people are still massed, awaiting some word from the inside.

The arguments began shortly after 9 o'clock and they are not expected to end before Wednesday night or Thursday morning, as no limit has been set upon the time allowed each speaker. Judge Hart will then adjourn court for a day in which he will prepare his charge to the jury, which is not expected to be made before Friday at the earliest.

#### Insane Trooper.

San Francisco March 8.—Continually crying the name of Jennie Boschert, the Paterson, N. J., girl, who was murdered several years ago by three prominent young men, as the result of a criminal attack upon her, Alexander Glass, a private in Troop O, Fifth Cavalry, is today confined in the insane ward of the Presidio General Hospital. The military authorities are seeking light on Glass's record in an effort to find if he was in any way connected with the Boschert outrage. Glass suddenly became insane and plunged headlong through his barracks room window. He was uninjured by the twenty-foot fall. After being placed in confinement, he chewed through the wristbands with which he was bound and broke the straight jacket. The authorities then double-manacled him and are keeping the strictest watch over him. In his ravings Glass has said nothing to indicate what he knows about the Boschert murder. The Paterson authorities were communicated with to learn whether Glass was in Paterson at the time the Boschert girl was killed.

#### Wants Newspaper Advice.

Berlin, March 8.—The Kaiser has decided to seek the advice of the newspapers on the task of governing the empire. Impressed by the political troubles of the last few months, which culminated in the bitter attacks made on him in the Reichstag, the Kaiser believes his difficulties have been largely caused by lack of information as to the real views of his subjects. To prevent any group of court officials from misleading him by systematically selecting favorable clippings, the Kaiser has entrusted the task of sending the clippings to six state departments. In this way one department will act as a check on the plan of the Kaiser to keep in touch with public opinion through the newspapers will do more than anything else to break up the court clique that has long ruled the empire through the Kaiser.

#### Former Officials Sentenced.

New York, March 8.—Col. Edward Enright, prominent for many years in National Guard circles, in this case, and Frederick H. Schroeder, a Brooklyn banker, and financier, were today sentenced to terms in Sing Sing prison, by Supreme Court Justice Jaycox. Both were given indeterminate sentences that of Enright being not less than 14 months and not less than four and one-half years, and Schroeder not less than one-half year, and not more than four and one-half years. The two men were officials of the Eagle Savings and Loan Association of Brooklyn, and borrowed the concern's funds to bolster up mining deals in the Homestead Mines in South Dakota replacing the cash with worthless checks, which were carried as cash in the quarterly report of the company.

#### Quiet Follows Lynching.

Dallas, Texas, March 8.—Reports from Rockwell today say that in spite of the lynching of the negro Ellis there last night and the killing of another negro, the negroes are quiet and there is little fear of an outbreak of race feeling. Curious people gathered about the stake and the blackened embers of the fire that were used to kill and burn Ellis, who was identified by Mrs. Mackinney as the negro who attempted to attack her. The lynching followed an effort to kill the negro that began Saturday when the news of the attack was first made known. Ellis admitted his guilt. Will Clark, a negro, was shot and killed by the mob early in the evening when his father refused to allow his premises to be searched in the hunt for Ellis.

#### Increase in Railroad Revenues.

New York March 8.—With figures at hand as filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, financial interests here are jubilant over the showing of nearly every railroad in the country. Instead of the deficit shown in January, 1908, big gains in operating revenues were made for January of this year. The leading official figures of increase are: New York Central, \$428,386; Illinois Central, \$408,899; Baltimore and Ohio, \$186,344; Southern Pacific, \$4,264; Oregon Short Line, \$318,060; Michigan Central, \$46,192; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, \$466,284; Big Four, \$238,846; Denver and Rio Grande, \$136,345; Central of New Jersey, \$70,688; Wabash, \$29,445.

#### Dowager Empress Visits Sister.

London, March 8.—The Dowager Empress of Russia arrived here today and will be the guest of her sister, Queen Alexandra, for several months, and as the Russian court is in mourning, the visit will be strictly informal. In spite of the informal character of the visit, the guarding of the royal guest is proving a big problem to Scotland Yard. The local police have been reinforced by a large detachment of the Russian secret service, and the utmost precautions are being taken to prevent any attack by anarchists. The known "reds" now in England are being kept under close surveillance.

#### Good Lintment.

You will hunt a good while before you find a preparation that is equal to Chamberlain's Lintment as a cure for muscular and rheumatic pains, for the cure of sprains and soreness of the muscles. It is equally valuable for lame back and all deep seated muscular pains. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by W. F. Oregitor & Co., and Richard Gibson.

### Alleged Swindlers on Trial.

Chicago, March 8.—Miss Agnes L. Skelly, "The Female Wizard of Finance," who in six years developed from a simple country girl to a promoter of companies with stock issues of millions, today was placed on trial here charged with swindling. John M. Armstrong, who built the old Chicago City Hall, will be tried jointly with her. The couple are accused of fleecing Charles H. Joy, a millionaire, out of \$10,000 by inducing him to invest that sum in the American Steel Car Company, alleged to be a \$10,000,000 concern, of which the girl was president and principal stockholder. Joy alleges the stock is worthless. He also alleges that several other rich Chicagoans were induced to invest.

### Railroads Win.

Kansas City, Mo., March 8.—Judge McPherson, of the United States District Court, today handed down a decision favoring the railroads in the two-cent fare and maximum rate cases, granting the injunction sought against enforcing the Missouri laws. The contention of the eighteen railroads operating in the state that the laws were confiscatory, and violated the federal constitution by taking away property without due process of law, was sustained. The decision is another notable corporation victory in the federal courts.

### Austria and Serbia.

London, March 8.—In the opinion of Austrian diplomats Serbia will be unable to withstand Austria's threat not to renew the commercial treaty between the two countries when it expires on March 31, unless Serbia renounces her present position. Just as soon as peace-treaty overtures are received from Belgrade, Austria will modify many of her demands, including that of the disarmament of the Serbian army and will then submit to the powers pressure for a conference.

### Seven Thousand Letters Burn.

Boston, March 8.—The explosion of a lamp in a mail car at the North Union terminal this morning destroyed 7,000 sent bound letters. The car was to have been attached to a train for the west via Troy and Albany. Three mail clerks were working in the car at the time of the explosion. They lost their street clothes, money and watches. The damage to the car is estimated at \$1,600.

### Railroad Accident.

Baltimore, Md., March 8.—A train of 29 coal cars wrecked on the Western Maryland Railroad at Fulton station, this city, this morning. The locomotive and 11 cars were completely demolished. An express passenger train southbound to Washington had a narrow escape from crashing into the wreckage of the coal train. No one was seriously injured.

### Steamers Burned.

Gallopis, O., March 8.—An exploding lantern burned the steamers J. M. Howell and Emma Marie in the water's edge in the mouth of the Great Kanawha river early today. Capt. Henry L. Lance and crew of the Howell had a narrow escape. The loss is \$25,000.

### Killed by Explosion.

Wilmington, Del., March 8.—Two men were killed early today when an explosion of an experimental barrel of powder occurred at the Dupont plant on the Brandywine river. The shock was felt as far as Wilmington and Chester, Pa. The victims were blown to pieces.

### Trial Postponed.

Baltimore, March 8.—The trial of Joseph J. Jager, charged with abducting and committing a serious offense on the person of 11-year-old Katherine Lerch, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was postponed today until March 10. The defense was a plea of insanity.

### The New York Stock Market.

New York, March 8.—The general list was strong during the first hour. The early break in Reading was followed by a sharp rally almost all the loss being recovered within a few minutes. Price movements in the rest of the list was narrow.

### Ask Yourself the Question.

Why not use Chamberlain's Lintment when you have the rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. It has cured others, why not you? Try it. It costs but a trifle. Price 25 cents; large size, 50 cents. For sale by W. F. Oregitor and Richard Gibson.

### DIED.

At her parents' residence, 116 north St. Anselm street, March 7, 1909, at 10:15 p. m. BESSIE of the nursing home, which is as an inmate and 21 days, daughter of Ben and Walter Pierpont. Funeral Tuesday, March 9th, at 10 o'clock.

### THE CAUSE OF COLDS.

Good Advice Regarding the Prevention of Coughs and Colds.

If people would only properly fortify and strengthen their system, and get rid of colds, coughs and pneumonia might be avoided. These troubles are simply the result of weakness, which produces a catarrhal condition of the mucous membrane, which is an internal skin of the body. When this skin is weakened, it becomes infected with germs which are carried through the system by the blood. These parasites attack and break these delicate tissues and set up a soreness which produces what is in reality an external sore.

The only thing that will cure coughs and colds and prevent pneumonia is a medicine which is absorbed and carried by the blood so that the diseased membrane is disinfected, cleansed, soothed and healed.

We have a remedy which we honestly believe infallible and unsurpassable for the prevention and cure of coughs, colds and all catarrhal conditions. It is the prescription of a famous physician, who has an enviable reputation of 30 years of cures gained through the use of this medicine. We promise to either effect a cure in every case or make no charge for the medicine. We urge everybody in Alexandria who has need of such a medicine to try Ecball Muc-Tone.

It is to be noted that we could not afford to make such statements and give our own personal guarantee to this remedy if we were not absolutely positive that we could substantiate our claim in every particular, and we see no reason why anyone should hesitate to accept our offer and try it. We have two sizes of Ecball Muc-Tone. Price 50c and \$1.00. Sometimes a 50c bottle is sufficient for a cure. As a general thing, the most chronic case is cured with an average of three bottles. Remember, the medicine will cost you nothing if you are not satisfied in every particular. W. F. Taylor, 816 King street.

### U. S. CUSTOM HOUSE.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 8, 1909.  
Sealed proposals will be received at this building until 10 p. m., MONDAY, April 5, 1909, for furnishing fuel lights, water, incandescent lamps, washing towels, hauling ashes and sprinkling streets for this building during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, or such portion of the year as may be deemed advisable. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Treasury Department.  
GEORGE A. BOWLAND,  
March 8, 1909. Acting Custodian.

### SUPPOSED MURDER.

About ten o'clock yesterday morning Richard Wines, a railroad man, and Walter Smith, colored, who were crossing a field a short distance northwest of Alexandria, discovered the body of a strange man. The body was lying in snow and mud, with arms stretched at right angles. A ghastly wound had been made in the neck. The discovery was made in a triangular-shaped field about 100 yards east of Rosemont station, on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon electric railway, and about an eighth of a mile north of the corporate limits of this city.

The men hurried to Union Station, and notified Special Officer L. O. Hardin. The latter suggested to the men employed at Union Station that they keep away from the corpse until the police arrived on the scene in order that footprints might not be obliterated, and the special officer in the meantime, communicated with Chief Gode, of the Alexandria police. In a short while he and Officer Frank Sampson were on the ground. News of the discovery had spread through the western section of Alexandria, and a crowd had preceded the officers breaking the soft earth surrounding the body and obliterated with their footprints any clue that would indicate the direction from which the man entered the field and whether he was accompanied by any one.

The officers proceeded to make an examination of the body. In the clothing of the dead man the police found a gold watch and a black leather folding pocketbook containing three Wells-Fargo Express Company money orders for \$100 each, dated at Los Angeles, Cal., December 9, 1908, and made payable in each instance to Walter F. Schultz. The book also contained a \$20 note, a \$2 note and a \$1 note. In one of his pockets was 11 cents in change.

The police also found on the body a letter presumably from the dead man's sister, and three cards, one bearing the name of Mrs. Alvan Hume Gillette, another was a business card of The Berkeley, 223 north Capitol street, Washington, and the third was marked "J. L. Burch, carriage builder, Washington, D. C."

### The letter reads as follows:

"St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30, 1908.  
"Dear Walter: You surprised us greatly when you asked us where we thought you would next land—Cuba or Chicago. We wondered whether you took a sea voyage up to Washington or went by train. We glanced a great deal out of your descriptive letters, and enjoyed them immensely. Have you any idea where you will settle? Will you return to Chicago? Alphonse is located within nine minutes' walk of Sears-Roback Company's store. Brother bought a suit of clothing the other day for \$25. He is doing well. As ever,  
"ELLEN DOROTHY."

The envelope of the letter, thought to be from the man's sister, is postmarked at St. Louis, Mo., December 30, 1908, and is addressed to "Walter Schultz, Gen. Del., Washington, D. C." On one end of the envelope was written 1314 Douglas street, St. Louis, Mo. The shoes were of good quality, but had been worn some time. A long black overcoat of expensive make had been stripped of everything that would aid in identification. The clothing was of thin blue serge and fashionably cut. A soft blue and white shirt and a soft collar bore no laundry marks and some pieces of thread on the back of the shirt showed where a cloth label had been torn off.

The dead man is described as about 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, of muscular build, weighing about 160 pounds, and with heavy brown hair and blue eyes. His chin and lip were partially covered with a beard of about two days' growth. His features were strong and clear cut. His hands are white and soft of texture, with well-kept nails. One of the articles found in the man's overcoat pocket has been a source of considerable speculation among the police. It is a piece of rubber tubing, about five feet long and about the size of an ordinary lead pencil. Evidently for convenience in carrying it had been rolled into a coil and tied with an old shoe-string.

The name of Mrs. Alvan Hume Gillette does not appear in the Washington directory, and though the police of that city tried to find a woman by that name, their efforts were unsuccessful. No "J. L. Burch, carriage builder, Washington, D. C." could be found either, but there is a J. A. Burch, carpenter and builder, of 1522 Wisconsin avenue northwest, who formerly was in the carriage business. When seen last night Mr. Burch said he knew nothing of the man found dead. He did not remember having ever given any one a card of this description.

At the Baskely apartment, 223 north Capitol street, no one remembered a man by the name of Schultz, and the records show that no person by that name has lived there within the past two years. More than two years ago a man by the name of John Schultz, occupied apartments there, but his description, it is asserted, does not tally with that of the dead man.

R. L. Mayhugh and E. C. Atkinson, two young men of this city, found in a clump of bushes about 50 yards north of where the body was discovered, a few colored socks with a brown band. There was nothing in the hat to indicate where it had been purchased, but on the inside of the crown is a dark spot about the size of a dime, which the police believe is a blood stain.

Edward Purdie, conductor on the Southern Railway, says he saw a man lying in the field about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon last. He thought the man was drunk, and paid little attention to him.